

my best wishes for every possible success in the future. Yours very sincerely,

JOHN MONASH,
Comdg., Australian Corps.

October 9th, 1918.

Major General G. W. READ,
II American Corps.

On this first occasion on which the II American Corps has taken part in battle on its own, I desire to convey to you, General Read, and all members of your staff as well as to all other ranks of the Thirtieth Division my hearty congratulations on your victory today. The gallantry of your infantry and the precision with which all staff arrangements have worked has filled me with admiration and it has given me pleasure to report your unqualified success to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

HENRY RAWLINSON,
General, Commanding,
Fourth British Army.

Telegram from G. H. Q.

October 12, 1918.

Major General G. W. READ,
II American Corps.

The Commander-in-Chief desires you to convey to the officers and soldiers of your Corps his appreciation of the magnificent qualities which have enabled them, against powerful resistance, to advance more than ten miles and to take more than six thousand prisoners since September twenty-seven.

McANDREWS.

October 20, 1918.

Major General G. W. READ,
II American Corps.

I wish to express to you personally and to all the officers and men serving under you my warm appreciation of the very valuable

and gallant services rendered by you throughout the recent operations with the 4th British Army. Called upon to attack positions of great strength held by a determined enemy, all ranks of the 27th and 30th divisions under your command displayed an energy, courage and determination in attack which proved irresistible. It does not need me to tell you that in the heavy fighting of the past three weeks you have earned the lasting esteem and admiration of your British comrades-in-arms whose success you have so nobly shared.

D. HAIG,
Field Marshal.

HEADQUARTERS 30TH DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
FRANCE

October 20, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS: No. 38

1. The 30th Division again retires for rest and reorganization after adding another chapter to its already glorious record.

2. With the exception of three days—October 12th, 13th and 14th—when it was in reserve, the Division attacked every day from October 8th to October 19th, inclusive, defeating the enemy and making material gains each day. During this period the lines were advanced by the Division from MONTBREHAIN to beyond MAZINGHEIN, a distance of more than thirteen miles, and the towns of BRANCOURT, PREMONT, BUSIGNY, VAUX ANDIGNY, ESCAUFORT, ST. BENIN, ST. SOUPLET, RIBEAUVILLE and MAZINGHEIN, as well as many villages and farms, were taken.

3. During this period 45 officers and 1,889 other ranks were taken prisoners and nearly forty cannon, a large number of machine guns and an immense amount of stores of all kinds were captured by the Division.

4. The skill, courage, fortitude and endurance displayed by the Division have won